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SUBJECT: REFUGEES RESCUED BY J. PAUL GETTY

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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, THE TWENTY-SEVEN VIETNAMESE REFUGEES RESCUED BY THE J. PAUL GETTY WERE PERMITTED ASHORE IN SINGAPORE ON JANUARY 21. BEFORE THE GETTY SAILED THAT EVENING, THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN, GIOVANNI/SALESI, CABLED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE EMBASSY: "ON BEHALF OF MY OWNER PLEASE ACCEPT OUR GRATITUDE AND HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND THE GREAT HELP RECEIVED FROM YOUR OFFICIALS IN SETTling VIETNAMESE REFUGEE MATTER ABOARD THE S/S J. PAUL GETTY." CAPTAIN/SALESI AND HIS CREW DESERVE THANKS FOR THEIR CONCERN AND COOPERATION.

2. BECAUSE THIS PROBLEM WAS RESOLVED QUICKLY AND TO THE EVIDENT SATISFACTION OF THE OWNER, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT COULD WELL ENCOURAGE THE OPERATORS OF OTHER U.S. - OWNED VESSELS OPERATING IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO TAKE A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD RESCUING REFUGEES
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AT SEA IF THEY WERE MADE AWARE OF THE INCIDENT. PROMPT ACTION IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, WAS POSSIBLE ONLY BECAUSE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SPEEDY AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND A GUARANTEE TO THE SINGAPOREANS THAT THE U.S. WOULD TAKE ALL REFUGEES WHO COULD NOT BE PLACED ELSEWHERE (THE FORTUITOUS PRESENCE IN SINGAPORE OF A VISITING INS OFFICER ON THE DAY THE VESSEL ARRIVED IN PORT ALSO HELPED.)

CAN WE COUNT ON A SIMILAR RESPONSE WITH THE SAME RAPIDITY
IN ALL SUCH CASES INVOLVING U.S. OWNED VESSELS? ONLY IF
THE ANSWER IS AFFIRMATIVE SHOULD STEPS BE TAKEN TO ACQUAINT
OTHER U.S. SHIP OWNERS WITH THIS INCIDENT.
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